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REF: A. VIENTIANE 25931 (17 SEPT)
 B. NPIC 9447 (28 SEPT)
 C. NPIC 9560 (13 OCT)

THIS INFORMATION IS FROM [REDACTED]

1. FOLLOWING IS FINAL RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST ON STATUS OF ROUTES 12/1201
 IN MU GIA PASS DURING MID-SEPT 1970. UTM COORDS ARE DERIVED FROM TFA 50,000
 SCALE MAPS.

2. MISSION YE J3340 (21 SEPT 70) PROVIDES CLOUD FREE PHOTOGRAPHY OF
 A SERVICEABLE, 2 KM SEGMENT OF ROUTE 12F BETWEEN WE812517 AND WE803503.
 SINCE 17 AUGUST, MUDSLIDES HAD BEEN CLEARED AND THE ROADBED GRADED BY
 BULLDOZER FROM WE812517 TO WE807511, SOUTHWARD FROM WE807511 TO THE LIMIT OF
 COVERAGE AT WE803503 THE ROAD HAS BEEN REPAIRED BY MANUAL LABOR BUT THERE
 IS NO EVIDENCE OF USE BY WHEELED VEHICLES. THE LARGE MUDSLIDES THAT
 COVERED ROUTE 12F AT WE810516 AND WE808511 [REDACTED] HAD BEEN CLEARED BY
 BULLDOZER [REDACTED] THE SIZE OF THE MUDSLIDES REQUIRED MULTIPLE PASSES
 BY A BULLDOZER IN ORDER TO CLEAR THE ROAD.

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3. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWS

THAT MU GIA PASS WAS CLOSED TO THRU VEHICULAR TRAFFIC DURING TIME SENO
REPORTED TRUCKS MOVING PAST OP. HOWEVER, A SEGMENT OF ROUTE 12F IN FRONT
OF OP HAD BEEN REPAIRED AND USED BY VEHICLES BETWEEN [REDACTED]
AND BULLDOZER WORK HAD BEEN DONE IN SOME AREAS FURTHER SOUTH [REDACTED]

4. THE NUMBER OF TRUCKS SENO REPORTED THE NIGHT OF [REDACTED] WAS

PROBABLY THE SOUNDS OF A CONSIDERABLY LESSER NUMBER OF TRUCKS AND BULLDOZERS
ENGAGED IN AND SUPPORTING ROAD RECONSTRUCTION.

5. ANNOTATED PRINTS OF [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY BEING FORWARDED.

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